

outdoors

# Steelhead season will be early, productive

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Despite the renewal of winter the last two weeks, spring is early this year, and steelhead anglers should be testing their gear.

A hefty 20 percent of the 1.7-million

fish planted in 1980 and '81 will run up-stream this spring as 5- to 12-pound fighters, state fisheries biologists say. They were three to seven inches when planted.

On such western Michigan streams as the St. Joseph River, action on these lake-run rainbows should peak in early

to mid-April. The St. Joe, which received heavy plantings, will see plenty of activity from Lake Michigan to the dam at Berrien Springs. Other large runs are expected on the Grand, Jordan and Boyne rivers.

On eastern Michigan streams, prime time will be from mid to late April. Lake Huron's most consistent areas are expected to be the Cheboygan River up to the dam and the East Branch of the Au Gres River.

Early April also marks the start of pier fishing on Saginaw Bay at Caseville in the Thumb, and runs will peak at month's end, according to the Auto Club. Lake Huron harbor fishing also should be good on the Pinebog River at Port Crescent State Park near Port Austin and at Port Sanilac and Lexington.

The state Department of Public Health advises that steelhead from Lakes Michigan and Huron should not be eaten by children, pregnant women,

nursing mothers or those expecting to bear children. Others should limit themselves to one steelhead meal per week.

**EIGHT AREA DOGS** won best of breed ribbons and points at the recent Detroit Kennel Club show in Cobo Hall. Dogs owned by Mrs. John E. Satter of Bloomfield Hills won BOB in both the long-haired and smooth dachshund categories.

Other BOBs and their owners: Whippet — Roberta R. Russ and Kathy Liebluch of West Bloomfield. Bull mastiff — Barbara Brant of Livonia.

Bedlington terrier — Carl J. Ushinsky of Southfield.

Shih tzu — Dollas J. Muslemann of Canton Township.

Irish water spaniel — Joan Hanawalt of Westland.

Best in show was a Norwich terrier owned by David Powers and Ed Flesch of Fylnar, Calif. Only group winner from southeast Michigan was a St. Bernard (working group) owned by Charles A. Rickman of Utica.

**THE SIERRA CLUB**, Detroit group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April

7, in Northwest Unitarian Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway service drive between Nine and 10 Mile, Southfield.

Speaker will be Bonnie Anderson, executive director of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, whose topic will be "Citizen Involvement: Hope for the Environment, Resolving Environmental Disputes."

## pet of the week



DAVID FRANK/Staff photographer

Too much work? That's what some folks thought about this pup, who is waiting at the Humane Society for a new home. The 8-week-old Chihuahua mix is a playful, quiet male who probably won't grow to more than five pounds. Get acquainted at the Michigan Humane Society shelter, 3600 Auburn Road, Avon Township. Phone is 852-7420.

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